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Areas of Expertise

Energy

Mining and Natural Resources

Construction Disputes

Environmental

Disputes

Environmental Disputes and

Enforcement

Construction

Corporate and Securities Disputes

Domestic and International

Arbitration

Corporate and Commercial Disputes

Matthew practices complex, high-stakes corporate litigation, with an emphasis on energy, construction, and securities disputes.

Matthew has a proven track record of understanding and advancing clients' corporate interests with a strategic and persistent focus on achieving their objectives, whether in the courts or by way of negotiated resolution. He always manages files with a view to ensuring efficient and cost-effective resolutions to disputes, often under alternative fee arrangements.

Matthew advises energy companies on environmental and climate change litigation risk. He regularly speaks and writes on climate change litigation in Canada and abroad.

Matthew's practice includes all aspects of construction law including disputes involving contracts and specifications, construction liens, delay claims, bidding and tendering matters, negligence claims, bond insurance claims, and construction trusts.

Matthew has an active injunction practice. He has been involved with obtaining and defending over a dozen injunctions, including interlocutory injunctions, permanent injunctions, mandatory injunctions, numerous blockade injunctions for project proponents which involve among other things, indigenous law issues, and anti-suit injunctions.

Matthew is a member of Osler's National Disputes Department and its construction litigation team. Some of Matthew's recent non-confidential matters include:

- Representing Chemtrade Electrochem Inc. at trial and obtaining a \$25M judgment, plus costs and interest, against Superior Plus Corporation;
- Representing Pure Environmental in multi-million dollar litigation in the Court of Queen's Bench, including successfully defending summary dismissal proceedings;
- Successfully obtaining a permanent injunction for Shell Canada (as lead counsel) in the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta;
- Successfully representing Trans Mountain Pipeline in injunction and civil contempt

proceedings in the British Columbia Supreme Court;

- Acting for CNRL in multi-billion dollar litigation associated with the Horizon Oil Sands operation.

Matthew is called to the bar in both Alberta and British Columbia. He acts as counsel in complex commercial disputes in both provinces.

Awards and Recognition

- Recognized in Litigation – General Commercial (Alberta)

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Community Involvement

Matthew is active in the Calgary community. He was formerly the Chair of the Board of Brown Bagging for Calgary Kid's Society, a local Calgary charity that provides lunches to approximately 5000 kids each school day.

Matthew is also active in the legal community in Calgary and across Canada. He is formerly an appointed member of The Advocates' Society Young Advocates' Standing Committee. In that role, he participated in numerous working groups including the Standing Committee on Advocacy and Practice, National Standing Committee, Keeping Tabs Publication Working Group, Podcast Working group, and various other initiatives. Matthew is a current member of the Advocates' Society Alberta Advisory Committee. Further, Matthew is an instructor in the University of Calgary Faculty of Law's Trial Advocacy Program.

Credentials

Education

- Dalhousie University, J.D.
- International Law School Exchange, Lund University, Sweden
- University of Toronto B.A. (Hon.)

Languages

- English

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Professional Affiliations

- ICC Canada Arbitration Committee
- The Law Society of British Columbia
- The Advocates' Society
- The Defense Research Institute
- The Canadian Bar Association
- The Calgary Bar Association
- The Canadian Energy Law Foundation
- Young Professionals in Energy